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For : USE OF COMB-STRUCTURED BEAD-FORM POLYMERS, AND
RESULTING COMPOSITIONS**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to an examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the claims, as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this Preliminary Amendment.**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this Preliminary Amendment.